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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director for Resource Management  
Deputy Director for Administration  
Deputy Director for Science and Technology  
Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment  
Deputy Director for Collection Tasking  
Deputy Director for Operations  
Director of Public Affairs  
Legislative Counsel  
General Counsel  
Comptroller  
Inspector General  
Information and Privacy Staff

FROM : Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT : Release of Documents of Congressional Interest

1. Our oversight committees, as well as other Congressional committees and Members of Congress, are concerned that matters discussed in confidence contained in either documents originated by the Congress or by the Agency which repose in Agency files are subject to release in response to requests to the Agency under the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts.

2. The Office of Legislative Counsel in recognition of the Congressional concerns for confidentiality has established and followed a firm policy of requiring and securing prior Congressional approval before any document, regardless of origin, reflecting matters discussed in confidence with the Congress, is released in response to any request. I recently confirmed this policy with the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence to include all exchanges between the Agency and the Committee and its predecessor, the Church Committee. This policy was also confirmed with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence to cover all exchanges with the Pike Committee.

3. To assure that Congressional requirements for confidentiality are properly protected, all offices are instructed to refer all requests to release documents originated by the Congress or Agency documents containing information showing Congressional interest to the Office of Legislative Counsel for a Congressional determination as to releasability. No action is to be taken on such requests until the Legislative Counsel has secured the required Congressional approval.